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**beyond even *his* control...**

## CHARACTER SELECT

MEGA MAN

DR. LIGHT

DR. WILY

BASS

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# ROCK of AGES

THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE...

THE CHRONOS INSTITUTE (REDESIGNED BY DR. WILY)

MARVELOUS!

SIMPLY MARVELOUS! TO THINK-- A DEVICE THAT CAN ACTUALLY TRAVEL THROUGH TIME ITSELF! ASIDE FROM SOME UNSTABLE ENERGIES AT PLAY, WHO KNEW PLAYING AROUND WITH TIME AND SPACE WOULD BE SO SIMPLE? ALMOST LIKE I'VE DONE IT BEFORE...

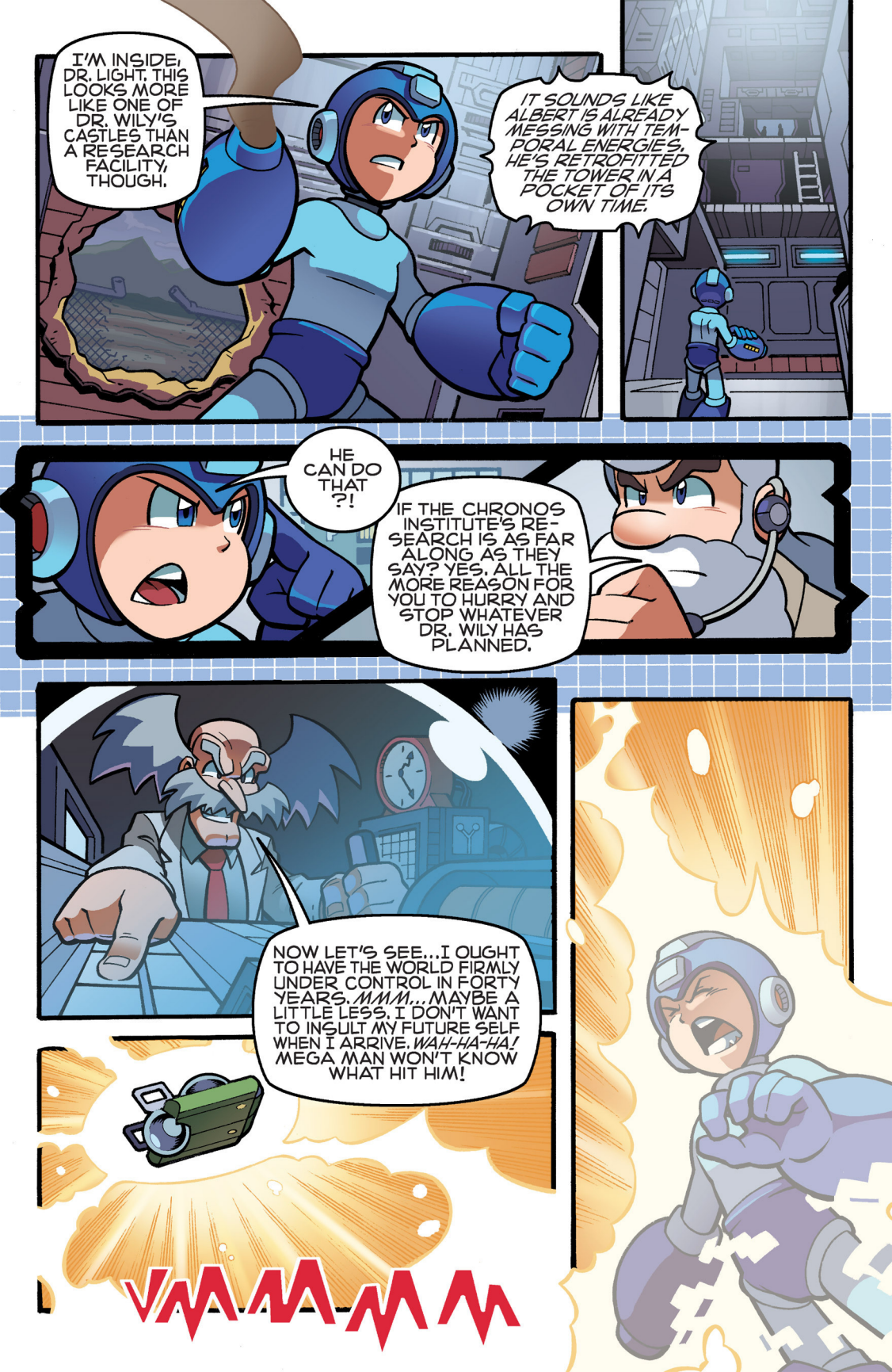
PERIMETER BREACH! MEGA MAN IS IN THE BUILDING!

TIME-TRAVEL AT MY FINGERPRINTS, AND THOMAS'S PET ROBOT STILL MANAGES TO FIND THE WORST TIME TO SHOW UP.

BUSTER ROD! TAKE THE GENESIS UNIT DOWN THE TOWER AND STOP HIM!

HEY! WHAT ABOUT MY UNIT? DID YOU NAME US THE "MEGA MAN KILLERS" FOR NOTHING?!

DON'T SASS ME, ENKER! YOU THREE ARE THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE UNTIL I GET BACK FROM THE FUTURE!


I'M INSIDE, DR. LIGHT. THIS LOOKS MORE LIKE ONE OF DR. WILY'S CASTLES THAN A RESEARCH FACILITY, THOUGH.
IT SOUNDS LIKE ALBERT IS ALREADY MESSING WITH TEMPORAL ENERGIES, HE'S RETROFITTED THE TOWER IN A POCKET OF ITS OWN TIME.
HE CAN DO THAT ?!
IF THE CHRONOS INSTITUTE'S RESEARCH IS AS FAR ALONG AS THEY SAY? YES. ALL THE MORE REASON FOR YOU TO HURRY AND STOP WHATEVER DR. WILY HAS PLANNED.
NOW LET'S SEE...I OUGHT TO HAVE THE WORLD FIRMLY UNDER CONTROL IN FORTY YEARS. *MMM*...MAYBE A LITTLE LESS. I DON'T WANT TO INSULT MY FUTURE SELF WHEN I ARRIVE. *WAH-HA-HA!* MEGA MAN WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!
VMMMM

GET UP, YOU LAZY, GOOD-FOR-NOTHING--
YOU'RE AWAKE!
SAVE US!
WHAT? RA-MOON? BUT I ALREADY DEFEATED...
DON'T JUST STAND THERE BABBLING! SHOOT! SHOOT! BEFORE HE KILLS US ALL!
BUT--? WHAT--? FINE!
VMMMMM
FWASH

WHAT THE--? GAMMA?! WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
WAH-HA-HA! THOMAS DID SUCH AN EXCELLENT JOB OF IMPRINTING HIS NAIVETY INTO YOU.
YOU'VE HAD YOUR MINOR VICTORIES BUT YOU CANNOT STAND AGAINST THE POWER OF GAMMA!
AUGH!
VMMMM
OOF!
FWASH

OKAY, DR. WILY, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU...
I'M IN SPACE?!
DOCTOR LIGHT SAID DR. WILY WAS MESSING AROUND WITH TIME. HE MUST HAVE HIT ME WITH SOME KIND OF WEAPON THAT SENT ME INTO THE PAST.
...OR... DID HE? I DON'T REMEMBER EVER GOING TO SPACE. WHY AM I IN SPACE?
IT'S DESTINY.

NOW HOLD ON! I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE I AM! OR *WHEN* I AM!
BECAUSE OF YOU, I *HAVE* TO BE. WITHOUT YOU, THERE IS NO *ME*, LET THE TIME STREAM FIGURE OUT THE REST.
DIE, MEGA MAN!
WHOA!

VMMMMM
OH, NO, NOT ANOTHER ONE!
I JUST NEED A MINUTE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO...
FWASH!
...INSTEAD OF GOING FROM ONE FIGHT TO THE NEXT! COME ON!

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE I AM! IS THIS STILL IN SPACE? DID I JUMP THROUGH TIME AGAIN?
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE SP-- GAH!
SNAP!
ENOUGH'S ENOUGH!
COME ON! TRY TO GRAB ME AGAIN! I DARE YOU!

HA!
YOU'RE DONE! COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP.
DOCTOR COSSACK?! I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
I'M SO SORRY, BUT HE LEFT ME WITH NO CHOICE! AND NOW, BECAUSE OF YOU, SHE'S DEAD!
WAIT--WHO'S DEAD? LOOK, I'M BEING AFFECTED BY SOME KIND OF TIME-DISPLACE-MENT. MAYBE WE CAN WORK TO-GETHER TO SAVE BOTH...
FWASH
DOCTOR COSSACK?! NOW WHERE --I MEAN WHEN--I MEAN...
MEGA MAN!
OH, NOT AGAIN--

AM I RIGHT? YOU'RE THE FABLED MEGA MAN? PROTECTOR OF EARTH? CHAMPION OF HUMANITY?
UM...SURE. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO CALL ME...?
PERFECT. WITH YOUR DESTRUCTION, NOTHING WILL STAND IN THE WAY OF MY MASTER.
THAT'S THE WRONG THING TO SAY TO ME TODAY!
THIS IS THE BEST EARTH HAS TO OFFER? PATHETIC.
VMMMMMM
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS ALL JUST FABLES AFTER ALL...
GET ...OFF... OF...
FINASH

...ME?
WHAT IS THIS...? I DON'T EVEN...
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WAIT! THAT'S... THAT'S...
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"...THAT'S ME!"

OKAY, SINCE NOBODY IS SHOOTING AT ME, LET'S TAKE A SECOND TO PROCESS THIS.
I KNOW I'M JUMPING THROUGH TIME, I JUST SAW MYSELF, AND I DON'T REMEMBER ANY ROBOT ARENA FIGHTS, SO I'LL ASSUME I'M GOING FORWARD INTO MY OWN FUTURE. BUT HOW FAR?
I NEED TO GET BACK TO LIGHT LABS.
MAYBE I CAN FIND SOME KIND OF DATA TO FIX THIS, SEND ME BACK...
FWASH
WAIT, DID I JUST JUMP AGAIN? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CITY?
AHH! NOT AGAIN!
HMPH. HOW DID YOU EVER MANAGE TO STOP WILY?

I HAVE HAD IT WITH RANDOM ROBOTS SHOOTING AT ME TODAY!
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT!
OH, I'LL SHOW YOU...
VMMMMM
FWASH
AUGH!
AUGH!

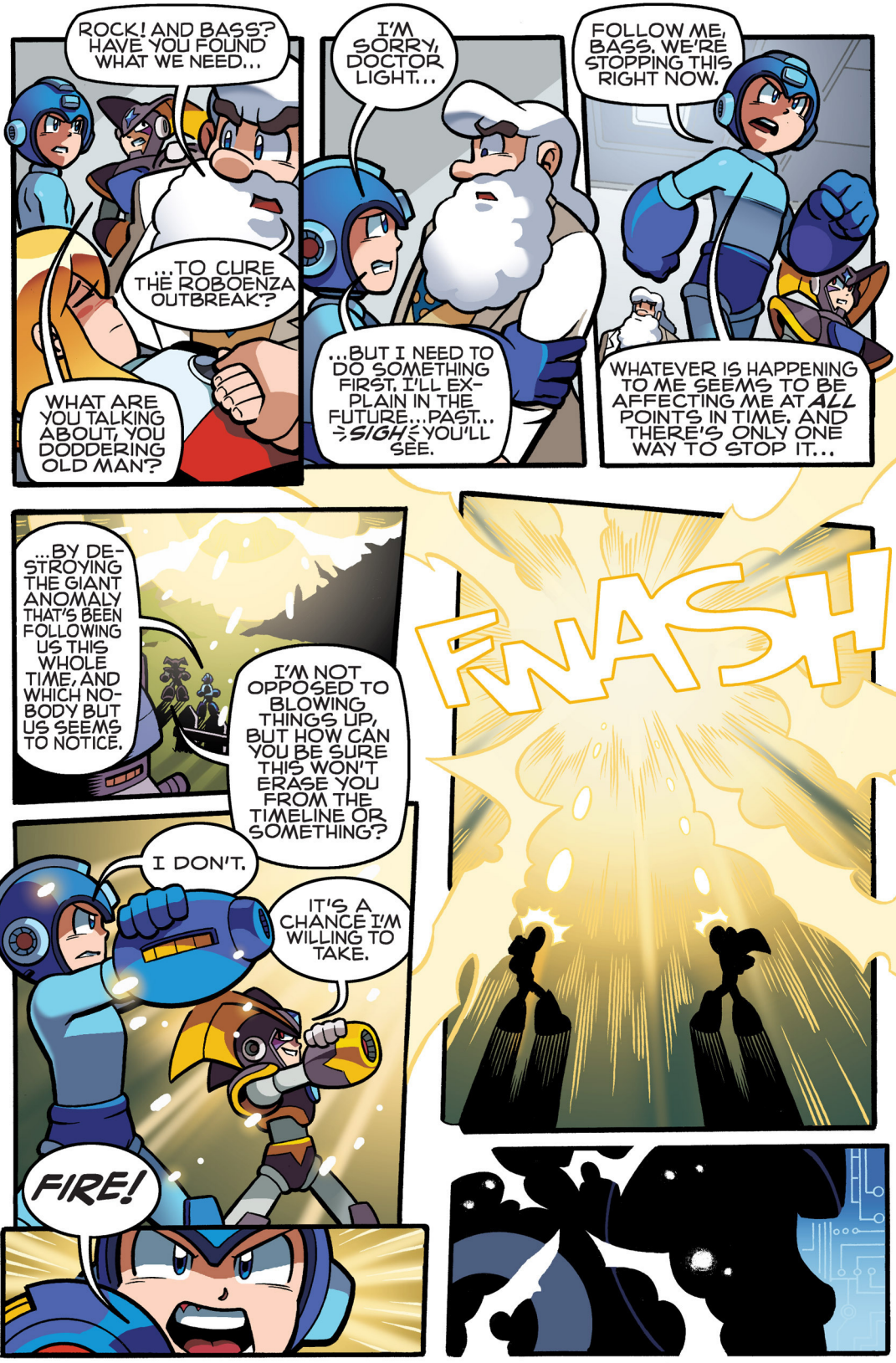
UGH... THAT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THE OTHER TIMES...
GREAT. YOU GOT DRAGGED ALONG, TOO.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHERE ARE WE?!
I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW WHEN, EITHER. DR. WILY DID SOMETHING TO ME, AND I'VE BEEN JUMPING FORWARD THROUGH TIME. NOW IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE, TOO.
HMPH! SO NOW I HAVE TO DEAL WITH ONE OF HIS IDIOTIC SCHEMES.
WHAT? HOW DO YOU KNOW--?
SHA-BOOM!
AND NOW THINGS ARE FALLING OUT OF THE SKY AND EXPLODING. SEEMS ABOUT RIGHT FOR TODAY...
STOP YOUR CHILDISH COMPLAIN-ING.

WHOA ...IT'S A ROBOT!
IT'S NOT LIKE ANY DESIGN I'VE EVER SEEN, THOUGH.
GREAT. WHATEVER. WHAT'S WITH THE FUNKY-LOOKING THING IN THE SKY?
WHAT FUNKY-LOO-- WHOA, WHEN DID THAT APPEAR?
YOU TELL ME. YOU'RE THE ONE TIME-HOP--
FWASH!
MEGA MAN! BASS? I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU HERE TOGETHER!
STILL, I COULD USE THE HELP. KING IS RAIDING THE ROBOT MUSEUM. HURRY! FOLLOW ME!
DON'T GIVE ME ORDERS, PROTO MAN!
WAIT-- PROTO-MAN?! KING? WHAT'S GOING ON?!

YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR, KING! I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO VIOLATE THIS MUSEUM!
LET US NOT FIGHT AMONGST OURSELVES. THIS DATA WILL GIVE ME THE MEANS TO AN INVINCIBLE ROBOT ARMY.
YOU LOOK LIKE A POWERFUL ROBOT YOURSELF. WHY NOT JOIN ME AS WELL?
VMMMMM
THIS IS "KING"? WHAT A JOKE.
HOLD ON... "BASS," RIGHT? WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THIS TIME-HOPPING THING AND THAT STRANGE ANOMALY IN THE SKY. I GET THE FEELING THEY'RE CONNECT--
FWASH
MEGA MAN!
COME FACE YOUR DESTINY! COME FACE YOUR FUTURE!
COME FACE ME!

AND NOW WHO IS THIS?!
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT I ALREADY FOUGHT HIM...I THINK.
NO MORE WILL I SIMPLY BE MEGA MAN'S SHADOW!
I'LL TEAR YOU APART, YOU--!
WOULD YOU COOL IT FOR A SECOND?!
HE'S NOT THE PROBLEM!
VMMMM
THAT IS! IT'S BEEN GROWING EVERY TIME WE JUMP! DR. WILY WAS MESS-ING WITH SOME UNPREDICTABLE ENERGIES WHEN THIS TIME-JUMP MESS STARTED...I HAVE A FEELING IF WE COLLAPSE THE ENERGY ANOMALY, WE CAN STOP WARP-ING THROUGH TIME!
OR MAYBE DESTROYING YOU WOULD--!
HOLD ON! WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER. WE SHOULD--
DON'T TOUCH ME, YOU--!
FINASH

OH! HEY! SPLASH WOMAN! FINALLY--A FRIENDLY ROBOT MASTER WHO CAN HELP...
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE-LIEVE IT! HE SAID YOU'D BE SENT TO FINISH US!
AND HERE YOU ARE!
WHOA! WHO SAID WHAT ABOUT --WAIT!
I WILL NOT FACE DEACTIVATION SO QUIETLY! IF YOU'RE GOING TO DESTROY ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK FOR IT!
OW! STOP IT! I DON'T UNDER-STAND!
IF SHE'S EXPECTING TO BE DESTROYED, THEN I'LL DO IT!
NO!
VMMMM
FWASH!


ROCK! AND BASS? HAVE YOU FOUND WHAT WE NEED...
...TO CURE THE ROBOENZA OUTBREAK?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU DODDERING OLD MAN?
I'M SORRY, DOCTOR LIGHT...
...BUT I NEED TO DO SOMETHING FIRST. I'LL EXPLAIN IN THE FUTURE...PAST... >SIGH< YOU'LL SEE.
FOLLOW ME, BASS. WE'RE STOPPING THIS RIGHT NOW.
WHATEVER IS HAPPENING TO ME SEEMS TO BE AFFECTING ME AT ALL POINTS IN TIME. AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP IT...
FWASH
...BY DESTROYING THE GIANT ANOMALY THAT'S BEEN FOLLOWING US THIS WHOLE TIME, AND WHICH NOBODY BUT US SEEMS TO NOTICE.
I'M NOT OPPOSED TO BLOWING THINGS UP, BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THIS WON'T ERASE YOU FROM THE TIMELINE OR SOMETHING?
I DON'T.
IT'S A CHANCE I'M WILLING TO TAKE.
FIRE!

LIGHT LABS-- NOW.
OW!
ROCK?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
IT LOOKS LIKE HIS SHORT-TERM MEMORY CIRCUIT BLEW!
AUGH!
I'M... I'M OKAY. JUST A WEIRD POWER SPIKE...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
...YOUR SYSTEMS ARE READING NORMAL, BUT YOUR INTERNAL CLOCK HAS JUMPED AHEAD BY YEARS? WHAT IN THE WORLD JUST HAPPENED?
I DON'T KNOW...
...BUT, GIVEN ENOUGH TIME, WE MIGHT FIND OUT.
RIGHT YOU ARE, ROCK! AND THE FUTURE BEGINS NEXT TIME AS MEGA MAN MUST SAVE NEW YEAR'S DAY FROM THE EMERALD SPEARS IN "COUNTDOWN."

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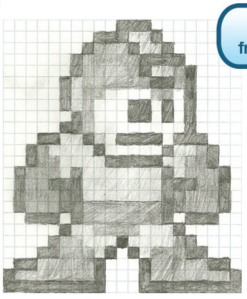

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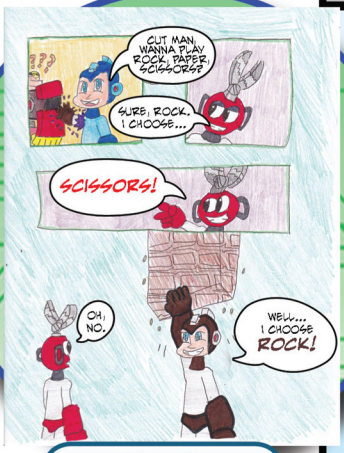
**Duke O.** from Pennsylvania

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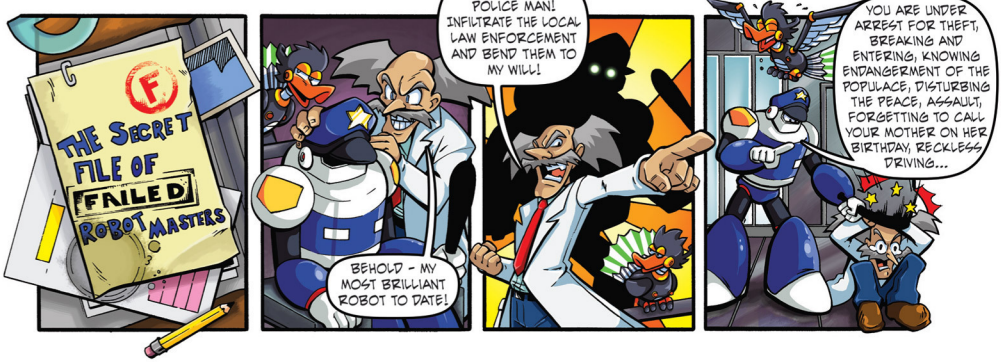
THE SECRET FILE OF FAILED ROBOT MASTERS
BEHOLD - MY MOST BRILLIANT ROBOT TO DATE!
NOW GO, POLICE MAN! INFILTRATE THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BEND THEM TO MY WILL!
YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR THEFT, BREAKING AND ENTERING, KNOWING ENDANGERMENT OF THE POPULACE, DISTURBING THE PEACE, ASSAULT, FORGETTING TO CALL YOUR MOTHER ON HER BIRTHDAY, RECKLESS DRIVING...

# MEGA-MAIL

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**Dear Mega-Mail,**
Hey! I'm a fan from Brazil! A friend of mine brought me the first two graphic novels and I have to say it's the most amazing comic I ever read!

***Well, we're glad to hear it!***

The art is awesome, the stories are very well written and it's very faithful to the games! I'd love to keep following the series! Is there any chance it's coming to Brazil?

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Keep up with the good work!

**Sincerely,**
**Leonardo F.**
**sent to megaman@archiecomics.com**

***Thanks, Leonardo!***

**Dear Mega-Mail,**
I really enjoyed the two-part story arc called "Proto-Type," as well as the fourth story arc called "Spiritus Ex Machina," because of its story, the characters, even the interesting villain, Xander Payne!

***Xander was the coolest jerk ever! His grudge for advanced robotics is far from gone! In fact, Xander will be popping up again real soon!***

I have 2 questions, so here goes.

1.When will we be seeing Bass, Treble, and Beat (Mega Man's robotic bird)?

***Bass appeared in this very issue! Keep reading to make sure you don't miss any of your favorites, 'cuz they're coming soon!***

2.When will Mega Man meet his brother, Blues?

***The official meeting is just around the corner!***

Well that's it for my questions, until next time and keep up the good work, guys!

**Sincerely,**
**Lisette T.**
**sent to megaman@archiecomics.com**

***Thanks! Keep Rockin!***

**Dear Mega-Mail,**
Let me just start by saying, I have become a *HUGE* fan of the Mega Man comics you guys are making! In fact, it's even inspired me to pick up some of the Sonic comics, and I'll be subscribing as soon as I get caught up.

***Wouldn't it be cool if those two characters crossed over in one awesome history-making event coming this spring?? *cough****

Well, as a life-long fan of the Mega Man games, I've just been completely blown away by how faithful these comics have been, while also putting an interesting spin on things. I'm also really glad you finally clarified for us that "Mega Man" is his alter-ego, while "Rock" is his actual name, along with a similar treatment towards Proto Man (aka Blues).

***'Rock' has got a real heavy and musical feel to it, while 'Mega Man' just kicks all sorts of ro-butt!***

Well, my personal favorite character is Bass, whose dog is named Treble. However, in Japan, their names are Forte and Gospel. In Japan, he was built from a newly-discovered metal called "Fortenium," which I always thought sounded cool.

***I hope you enjoyed Bass's appearance here! Be on the look-out for his upcoming appearance in the super-mega-awesome Sonic and Mega Man crossover event!***

Anyways, I'm still a bit behind on the comics, so I'm not sure whether or not you've introduced him proper yet, but I definitely look forward to seeing your guys' spin on him.

**Jared C.**
**sent to megaman@archiecomics.com**

***Thanks for writing in, Jared! You can catch up on all the Mega action by purchasing the first three Mega Man graphic novels! All are available now at your local bookstore, or digital books outlet! Volume four is coming soon! plugplugplug***

***Come back in thirty for a special New Year's celebration! See ya next time!***

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